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**OPERATING LOCATION AT WEST POINT,  
ANNAPOLIS, AND MERCHANT MARINE**

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This mission directive prescribes the mission, organization, and responsibilities of the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Operating Locations (OLs) at West Point (USMA), Annapolis (USNA), and Merchant Marine Academy.

**1. Authority.** USAFA, USMA, and USNA joint letter, 20 Jan 76, Initiative of the DoD Committee on Excellence in Education-Increased Representation from Other Military Services. This letter sets the policy for the establishment of USAFA officer representation at the respective academies:

- USAFA representation at USMA is 14 positions.
- USAFA representation at USNA is seven positions.
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- USNA representation at USAFA is seven billets.
- USAFA representation at Merchant Marine Academy is one position.

**2. Mission.** To provide direct exchange of officers among military academies. The objectives of this mission are to:

- 2.1. Provide interservice understanding and cooperation.
- 2.2. Provide professional military training on joint operations and mutual understanding of the roles of other service academies.
- 2.3. Develop a firm understanding that officers of all services are members of an integrated and inter-dependent National Security Team.

2.4. Provide future military officers a sound academic foundation in an atmosphere of strong military values through a thoughtful dialogue on trends in developments and techniques with broad military applications among academies.

**3. Organization.** Each OL is an activity assigned to the USAFA and attached to the USMA, USNA, and Merchant Marine Academy for duty. These OLs do not have a specific organizational structure; each officer serves on the faculty or staff and is integrated into the appropriate department or agency.

**4. Responsibilities:**

4.1. Manpower spaces allocated to the Operating Locations are identified in the Unit Manpower Document (UMD). The spaces are coded with a Command Remarks Code to identify the organization the spaces that are actually authorized.

4.2. The senior Air Force officer at each location acts as the OL Chief for administrative and logistics matters consonant with responsibilities to the USAF; acts as the single point of contact concerning Air Force matters.

4.2.1. Initiation of Court Martial/Article 15 proceedings may be accomplished by the Superintendent, USAFA, or through implementation of Interservice Support Agreement (ISSA) with the host academies; but, the initiation of UCMJ action by the host will require prior coordination with the Superintendent, USAFA.

4.2.2. Budgetary requirements for TDY, etc., (when not associated with the host academy requirements) will be funded by the parent organization (Headquarters 34th Training Wing, Dean of Faculty, or Directorate of Athletics) which these personnel support.

**5. Relationship to Other Units or Agencies.** Direct communication with the tri-service academies staff is authorized. Administrative and logistics support should be obtained from the host Academy.

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